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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 10, 2007, and includes the following sections:

1. Introductory Comments, beginning on page 2,
2. Amendments and Listing of Claims, beginning on page 3, and
3. Remarks, beginning on page 5.

A request for continued examination and three-month extension of time fee is being paid via credit card. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed on December 10, 2007. In the Office Action, claims 18, 32-35, 37 and 39-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and § 103(a).

By this Amendment and Response, claim 18 is amended to expedite prosecution of the case. No new matter has been added. Claim 35 is hereby canceled. Claims 18, 32-34, 37, and 39-41 remain pending. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejection and allowance of claims 18, 32-34, 37, and 39-41 in view of the amendments and the accompanying Remarks is respectfully requested.